

FISCAL NOTE

HB 434 - SB 901

March 10, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new circuit court judgeship in the 22nd Judicial District (Giles, Lawrence, Maury and Wayne counties) effective September 1, 2007, to be filled by the judicial vacancy appointment process until September 1, 2008. The judgeship will be filled by election at the August, 2008 general election for an eight-year term. The bill does not authorize additional assistant district attorney or assistant public defender positions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$327,500 Recurring
\$ 23,000 One-Time**

Assumptions:

- Recurring expenditures of \$327,475 include the salaries, benefits and operational expenses for a circuit court judge, court reporter (required for criminal cases) and secretarial staff. One-time expenditures of \$23,000 include the computer equipment, books, etc. for the judge and secretarial staff.
- The creation of this court will not result in any additional assistant district attorney (ADA) or assistant public defender (APD) positions. The 22nd District currently has eight ADAs and six APDs. Even with the creation of this court, the eight ADA positions will exceed the statutory minimum per court provided in Tenn. Code Ann. § 16-2-508. There is no statutory minimum per court for APDs. Additional ADA or APD positions cannot be created or funded absent statutory authorization.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director